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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN COMMENTS ON TERRORIST ATTACK

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1. AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED KREISKY'S AND PAHR'S
STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN NOTED WITH DISPLEASURE IN ISRAEL.
MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL EVRON CALLED IN AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR
MUSSI MARCH 14 TO CONVEY GOI "SHOCK" AT STATEMENTS AND
ASKED HIM TO CONVEY THESE VIEWS TO VIENNA. LA'AM MK
SOVAL YESTERDAY DEMANDED RECALL OF THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR
FROM VIENNA AND THE AUSTRIAN EMBASSY DCM HAS CONFIRMED
TO US TODAY THAT THIS HAS IN FACT BEEN DONE AND AMBASSADOR
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DORON IS RETURNING TO JERUSALEM; HE SAID THERE IS
NO INTENTION AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR AMBASSADOR
MUSSI TO RETURN TO VIENNA.

2. COMMENT: ISRAELIS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SOMEWHAT
AMBIVALENT ABOUT AUSTRIA AND KREISKY. BECAUSE OF HIS
JEWISH ORIGIN, ISRAELIS EXPECT HIM TO BE MORE PRO-

ISRAEL AND ARE ALWAYS READY TO CRITICIZE HIM. PRIVATELY
ISRAELIS ADMIT TO US THAT KREISKY HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL
TO ISRAEL, PARTICULARLY REGARDING SOVIET JEWS WHO
TRANSIT AUSTRIA WHEN THEY ARE ABLE TO LEAVE THE SOVIET
UNION. THIS REACTION TO THE AUSTRIAN COMMENTS IS TYPICAL
OF THE TENDENCY OF ISRAELIS TO SEE THE REACTIONS OF
COUNTRIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO THE TERRORIST ATTACK INCIDENT
AS INDICATORS OF TRUE FEELINGS TOWARD ISRAEL.
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